Private sector participation in defence production and Ordnance Factories

*411. DR. KARAN SINGH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to announce role of private sector in defence production and Ordnance factories;

(b)if so, whether any MoU has been signed by Government with private firms in this regard;

(c) if so, what are details of same and to what extent working arrangements between private industry and Ordnance factories would be undertaken;

(d) whether any concrete formula has been evolved;

(e) if so, the details of same and whether any efforts made from the private sector has been considered; and

(f) if so, by what time private sector would start defence production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) In May 2001, the defence industry sector was opened up to 100% for Indian private sector participation subject to licensing. As regards Ordnance Factories, a very large number of Private Sector companies are already supplying inputs including raw material, assemblies, sub-assemblies, components, etc., to them for production of Defence equipment required by the Armed Forces.

The Government has not signed any MOU with private firms. Several private firms are already manufacturing Defence products.

CRPF personnel attacking general public

*412. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted some incidents involving CRPF personnel attacking the general public in trains and in markets;

(b) what is the reaction of Government to such unfortunate and violent actions by CRPF against civilians;

(c) the steps proposed to improve their training and behaviour; and

(d) the instructions being given to CRPF personnel to behave in trains and other public places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) There is no report of involvement of CRPF personnel attacking the general public in trains. An incident dated 17/8/2005 of involvement of two CRPF personnel in a scuffle with general public in a market place in Delhi has come to notice.

(b) This is only a stray incident. In such a case, very strong and firm action is taken against the guilty after a Court of Inquiry.

(c) and (d) The training syllabus for Force personnel puts special emphasis on courteous and decent behavior with general public while on and off the duty. They are also trained not to hurt the sentiments of public in matters of religion, places of worship and other sensibilities. They are motivated maintain high moral character and civilized conduct at all times, projecting good image of the Force.

Rural development in NES

*413. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated some schemes for rural development in North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) State-wise amount allotted by Government for this purpose during the current financial year; and

(d) details of the effective steps being taken to implement rural development schemes in the States.